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To: [Lara, Rhina](#); [Herrick, Jacquelyn](#); [Saunders, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Britton, Cathryn](#); [Fletcher, Rachel](#); [Cyrán, Carissa](#); [Fertich, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: RE: PRESS INQUIRY: Pet product regulation changes - InvestigateMidwest/USA Today
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 10:25:00 AM

Awesome! Thank you so much!
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Thanks, everyone! Just as an FYI, this is the response we're moving forward for review. This response is currently with OPP IO.

Incoming:

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Response:

EPA has not made new changes on how pet pesticide products will be regulated going forward. [Changes to the reporting template and pet product registrations](#) occurred in 2009. In addition, EPA held a [webinar in 2018](#) explaining the conclusion of the Pet Spot-on Enhanced Reporting Pilot which included five registrants who volunteered to submit quarterly pet spot-on product incident and sales data for 2016 using EPA's draft standardized reporting templates.

EPA did update the website on July 13, 2021 with [a request for public comment](#) on a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity requesting that the agency cancel the registrations of insecticide product PNR1427, more commonly known by its brand name Seresto. The petition is available in docket ID number [EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0409](#) at www.regulations.gov.

Best,

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There's nothing in the web updates about the incident system (nothing has changed on that to my knowledge) or IST.

To me, it appears that there may be some conflation of the enhanced reporting template with a "centralized and better incident reporting system."

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I'm not sure about the incident system, but I'm pretty sure the conditional, time-limited registrations with requirements to submit quarterly, enhanced 6a2 data started in 2009. Beth please confirm.

Jacquelyn Herrick, PM 3

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Jackie and Beth, thoughts? I'm not sure what he means by "more centralized and better incident reporting systems"—Cathryn/Melanie, could that be something in relation to the incident screening team?

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Hi Jennifer,

I just want to confirm that these changes mentioned by the reporter were made in 2009?

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Hi Rhina, can you send specific events that you need date confirmation for? Thanks.

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>

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Thanks, Jennifer! Unfortunately, Carissa is out of the office, so I'm her back up! I looked at the documents with the tracked changes for these web updates and didn't see anything new in there either.

If there haven't been any changes, I can write a response reflecting the dates that these different actions were taken if we can confirm.

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From: Saunders, Jennifer <Saunders.Jennifer@epa.gov>

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Hi Rhina, I'm copying Carissa because she recently updated the pet web pages. I think there's a typo,

the website talks about a meeting to discuss the template in 2009, which isn't correct, the template came out much later than that. Jackie and Cathryn, please correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't believe that anything new was supposed to be conveyed on the website. The pet spot ons are being registered conditionally, have been for years. I don't believe anything was conveyed about pet products in general. The template for pet spot on enhanced incident data and sales reporting began about 5 years ago, I think it was finalized a couple of years ago, others chime in on the timing. I'm not sure what the reporter is referring to re: incident reporting, maybe Carissa can weigh in since she made the changes. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2021, at 4:11 PM, Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi,

We just received the press inquiry below from Midwest/USA Today on the pet pesticide product petitions. Are there any other changes besides what the reporter listed below? I see that the new standardized template for enhanced incident reporting was rolled out in 2009?

Best,

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Subject: OPS: Pet product regulation changes - InvestigateMidwest/USA Today
JH's latest. Thanks as always, team.....

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